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**\*\*\*Update\*\*\***  
**Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act**  
**September 30, 2009**

The Western Shoshone Judgment Fund Distribution Act dated July 7, 2004, Public Law 108-270, 118 Stat. 805, requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish a judgment fund per capita roll to distribute the judgment funds awarded to the Western Shoshone by the Indian Claims Commission in Docket 326-K. The Act also establishes an Educational Fund with the funds awarded in Docket Nos. 326-A-1 and 326-A-3.

The following are Bench Mark Achievements on the preparation of the Western Shoshone Judgment fund per capita roll:

- April 5, 2007 – Began sending out applications to share in the per capita distribution.
- October 5, 2007 – Ninety (90) day time frame for receiving applications of which 90% must be reviewed prior to setting a final deadline date for receiving applications. (5,265 applications received by October 5, 2007; therefore, 4,739 of those applications must be reviewed in order to set a final date for receiving applications.)
- August 30, 2009 – Completed entering of the historical Indian Census Rolls with Indian blood degrees into the data base.
- September 21, 2009 – Completed quality review and made necessary corrections to the Historical Indian Census Roll data base.

**PHASE I OF PROJECT IS COMPLETED.**

September 21, 2009 – Continue review of applicant files for completeness. If incomplete, request information/documents from applicants, i.e. unsigned certifications and birth records.

- October 5, 2009 – Begin to issue decisions on the applications (5,265) received by October 5, 2007. The final deadline for receiving applications will be 90 days after 90% of the applications (4,739) have been reviewed. The final deadline will be published in the Federal Register.

Questions? Contact the Western Regional Office, Karen Ketcher, Coordinator of Western Shoshone Project, (602) 379-6600; Sharlot Johnson, Regional Tribal Operations Officer, (602) 379-6786.

**Office is Moving:** Effective October 5, 2009, the Western Regional Office will be located at 2600 North Central Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Phoenix, Arizona 85014. **All mail is to be addressed to: Western Shoshone Judgment, Western Regional Office, Post Office Box 3838, Phoenix, Arizona 85030.**

Data for September 2009 will not be available until October 15, 2009. The following Progress Report will be updated at that time.

### PROGRESS REPORT

Activity	Totals to date	September 2009	October 2009	Cumulative
Number of applications received	8025			
Number of outgoing correspondence	3858			
Number of applications reviewed	216			
Number determined eligible	0			
Number determined ineligible	216			
Appeals	0			